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UTILISATION OF POST OFFICE SERVICE FOR REVISING ELECTORAL ROLLS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to use the service of the post offices for the first time to revise the electoral rolls in the whole country and to provide them to the general public;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by when the electoral rolls are likely to be provided to the post offices for scrutiny by the public?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) The services of Department of Posts are being utilized by Election Commission in its exercise to revise the electoral rolls on a country wise basis. Election Commission shall make suitable payments to the Department for the work carried out by the Post Offices.

(b) Under the arrangement for revision of electoral rolls through the Post Offices, the latter carry out following special items of responsibilities.

(i) Display of electoral rolls in the Post Offices.

(ii) Make available various forms to the public for inclusion, deletion and correction in the electoral roll. These forms are supplied to the Post Offices by the Election Commission and are made available free of charge to the members of public through Post Office counters.

(iii) Accept filled up forms from the public at the Post Office counters for further processing by delivery staff as per arrangement decided in consultation with the Election Commission in this regard.

(c) This is already being done.